



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes of August 7, 2014

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Heather Fowler, Bernie Johnson, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan, Stephen Salisbury, Conservation Commission member Carol Korty, School Committee chair Brett Jones, and Transfer Station manager Chris Meyer.

Gary told those present that the Selectmen would welcome written comments from those in attendance but asked that audience participation be limited to observation unless the Selectmen had specific questions.

Expenditure Warrant 2 – Selectmen signed warrant 2 in the amount of \$75,414.43. Stu reported there were two school payroll and accounts payable warrants, the heating fuel pre-buy and completion of the Anderson Garage roof on the warrant among other expenses.

Agreement with MDOT – Traffic Light – Stu reported he had e-mailed the revised proposed agreement with MDOT to the Selectmen prior to the meeting for review. He said that after reading this version, this was what the board had in mind and recommended approval. Bernie moved to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement, Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0 (Mason not yet present).**

Gravel Workshop – (note this meeting was recorded by the Cable TV system – the minutiae of the workshop is not recorded in the minutes).

The board discussed the goal of the evening, which included the 4-areas identified by the Gravel Work Group as being for discussion. Discussion followed on the following:

- The process for bringing any ordinance change before town meeting.
- Differentiating between larger and smaller operations (there was no desire at this time to make such a differentiation)
- Grandfathering current operations
- Pit restoration
- Noise issues
- Water Quality

After substantial discussion, the board agreed to try to draft into ordinance as follows:

- Returning the setback requirements for existing permitted operations to the 2011 ordinance requirements.
- Adding a grandfathering clause to the setback language

- Adding a requirement that any agreement with abutting property owners for a reduced setback be filed at the Registry of Deeds
- Add the suggested language for setbacks from features as defined in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
- Create incentives for restoration based on a percentage of open mining area and/or a “restore as you go” option.
- Language to prohibit permit renewal until the restoration plans in the prior permit are certified as completed.
- Requirement that some level of restoration be required in all permits.
- Removal of the “escrow account” requirement
- Creation of a renewal option which focuses strongly on restoration and addressing the potential “floating pit” issues.
- Clarification that operations may be permitted only within those areas that have received site plan review approval

Water testing/quality matters were not discussed but will be at a future date.

Stu said it was his understanding that he would attempt to integrate the goals identified above into ordinance as a draft for review. Selectmen said that was correct. Stu said he doubted that it would be ready for the regular meeting in a week, unless time permitted. He stressed this would be the first of what would likely be many drafts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen